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SUBJECT: UN ADMINISTRATION: SEVENTH SESSION OF CONSULTATIVE
PANEL ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

REF: USUN 762

1. THE CONSULTATIVE PANEL WILL HAVE BEFORE IT THE SYG'S
NOTE ON QUOTE UNITED NATIONS PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICIES
AND ACTIVITIES UNQUOTE. THE USREP MAY JOIN IN NOTING THIS
SUBMISSION AND IN HIS DISCRETION OBSERVE THAT IT ADDS
LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE GUIDANCE. MOREOVER, IT FAILS TO EMPHA-
SIZE A MORE EFFICIENT USE OF RESOURCES BY THE OFFICE OF
PUBLIC INFORMATION (OPI).

2. THE USREP MAY BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CONSULTATIVE
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PANEL THE OBSERVATIONS SET FORTH IN ACABQ REPORT (A/32/81),
SUPPLEMENT 8, SECTION 21. USREP SHOULD KEEP IN MIND ACTION
OF UN FIFTH COMMITTEE IN OVERRIDING ACABQ'S RECOMMENDED
CUTS AND TURNING DOWN USDEL'S PROPOSED REDUCTIONS (SEE
A/C.5/32/SR.45, PAGE 14).

3. THE USREP SHOULD REVIVE AND RE-EMPHASIZE THE SERIOUS

CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY THE CPC IN ITS REPORT (A/32/38)
SUPPLEMENT 38, CHAPTER IIID. SEE ALSO A/C.5/32/26,

SECTIONS 5D AND 6D.

4. RE POLITICAL QUESTIONS, USREP SHOULD REVIEW EXISTING
GUIDANCE WITH MISSION'S POLITICAL SECTION AND REPORT
PROMPTLY ANY FURTHER NEED FOR POLITICAL GUIDANCE THAT MAY
DEVELOP. SEE SEPTTEL FOR LATEST GUIDANCE ON UN USE OF
VOA TRANSMITTERS.

5. SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS:

-- DRAW ON RELEVANT PORTIONS OF CUNNINGHAM'S PRESENTATION
TO FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/C.5/32/SR.44).

-- CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE OPI CONCENTRATION ON FACTUAL
REPORTING OF UN'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS RATHER THAN PROPAGANDIS-
TIC OUTPUT.

-- NOTE THE FINANCIAL AND STAFF RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO
INFORMATION ACTIVITIES WERE OVERLY GENEROUS IN THE LIGHT
OF THE FINDINGS OF THE CPC AND ACABQ. INSTEAD OF ADDING
RESOURCES, OPI SHOULD BRING BETTER ORDER INTO ITS
ACTIVITIES AND REDEPLOY STAFF TO MEET APPROPRIATE
OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES.

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-- EMPHASIZE AGAIN OPI'S NEED TO MAKE BETTER USE OF
EXISTING RESOURCES.

-- POINT OUT THAT THIS PANEL CANNOT MAKE A REALLY PRO-
FESSIONAL EVALUATION OF ALL OPI OPERATIONS IN A THREE-DAY
MEETING.

-- COMPLAIN ABOUT NOT HAVING RECEIVED RELEVANT SECTION OF
MEDIUM-TERM PLAN 1980-83 IN TIME FOR ANALYSIS. (WE
UNDERSTAND THAT IT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT MEETING.)

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